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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
2. Declaration of Kevin M. Moore; and
3. One (1) return postcard.

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